House Resolution No. 536

Whereas, as the 2002-2003 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Tarkio R-I School District in Tarkio, Missouri, is losing a valuable member of its faculty on June 30, 2003, with the retirement of Superintendent Mike Mendon; and

Whereas, Mike Mendon has devoted many years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors in education; and

Whereas, Tarkio Superintendent Mike Mendon began his career in education as a science teacher before assuming the responsibilities of principal at various schools and as Superintendent of the Rich Hill R-IV School District; and

Whereas, Mike Mendon, who earned a Bachelor's degree in education at Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, has served as Superintendent of the Tarkio R-I School District for six years, during which time the bus barn was destroyed by fire, new property was acquired, modern classrooms were built, a football and softball field were purchased, and the track was resurfaced; and

Whereas, Mike Mendon can leave his duties and responsibilities as Tarkio Superintendent with tremendous satisfaction that he has always given more than one hundred percent to assure each student the best education possible; and

Whereas, Mike Mendon has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his wife, Peggy Mendon, a Title I teacher at Tarkio Academy, and two daughters, both of whom work in northern California, one as a teacher:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join the Tarkio R-I School District in expressing appreciation to Mike Mendon for his unparalleled services to Missouri's young citizens and in wishing him the long, enjoyable, and fruitful retirement he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Superintendent Mike Mendon.